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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIPS (NPW) FOREIGN COUNTRY
VISIT PROCEDURES

1. SUMMARY. THE PURPOSE OF THIS TELEGRAM IS TO REEM-
PHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF DIPLOMATIC COORDINATION FOR
ARRANGING NPW VISITS TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES AND TO PROVIDE
POSTS BACKGROUND ON CHANGES TO DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE
PROCEDURES. TELEGRAM IS GUIDANCE FOR POSTS IN COUNTRIES
WHERE U.S. NAVY NPW PORT CALLS MAY OCCUR. INFO ONLY FOR
OTHER POSTS. END SUMMARY.

2. WORLDWIDE ACCESS TO FOREIGN PORTS BY US NUCLEAR
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POWERED WARSHIPS IS IMPORTANT TO US DEPLOYED NAVY OPERATIONS AND WILL BECOME EVEN MORE SO, AS THE NUMBER OF NPWS IN THE US FLEET INCREASES. CURRENTLY WE HAVE ROUTINE, RECURRING NPW ACCESS TO SEVERAL COUNTRIES; HOWEVER, THE REQUIREMENT FOR NON-ROUTINE VISITS TO LESS FREQUENTED COUNTRIES IS GROWING. CHANGES IN HOST GOVERNMENTS AND POLITICAL ATTITUDES COULD ALSO PRESENT US WITH POSSIBILITY OF NEW NPW SENSITIVITY IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE NPW NOW HAVE ROUTINE ACCESS.

3. AS A MATTER OF POLICY, USG APPROACH WITH RESPECT TO NPW PORT ENTRY IS TO TREAT NPW IN SAME LOW KEY MANNER AS CONVENTIONALLY POWERED WARSHIPS. HOWEVER, IN SOME CASES

HOST COUNTRIES VIEW NPW VISITS AS SPECIAL CASE, AND PARTICULARLY SO, IF VISIT IS FIRST TIME. ADVERSE REACTION USUALLY STEMS FROM QUESTIONS REGARDING REACTOR INCIDENT LIABILITY AND INDEMNITY; CONCERN REGARDING REACTOR SAFETY, NUCLEAR RADIATION MONITORING AND INTERNAL POLITICAL PROBLEMS WHICH HOST COUNTRIES BELIEVE COULD BE AGGRAVATED BY NPW VISITS. USN HAS IMPRESSIVE SAFETY RECORD, HOWEVER, WITH OVER 1250 REACTOR YEARS OF NPW OPERATION. TO DATE US NPWS HAVE VISITED OVER 85 PORTS IN 30 FOREIGN COUNTRIES. EVEN THOUGH NPWS ARE INCREASING IN THE FLEET, USN HAS NOT HAD A SINGLE ACCIDENT INVOLVING NUCLEAR PROPULSION PLANT.

4. OPNAV INSTRUCTION 3128.3 SERIES PROVIDES DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE PROCEDURES TO NAVY COMMANDERS, DEFENSE ATTACHES AND OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES. APPROPRIATE DIPLOMATIC POSTS ARE INCLUDED IN DISTRIBUTION. THE INSTRUCTION SPECIFIES THAT THE FLEET COMMANDER OR HIS DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES WILL ARRANGE FOR PORT VISITS BY ADDRESSING THE REQUEST TO THE DEFENSE ATTACHE, FOREIGN SERVICE POST OR OTHER CLEARANCE AGENCY AS INDICATED. CLEARANCE AGENCIES ARE LISTED, IN THE INSTRUCTION, BY COUNTRY AND DIFFER FOR VARIOUS REASONS. THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS IS LISTED AS CLEARANCE AGENCY IN SENSITIVE COUNTRIES, AS INDICATED IN OPNAV INSTRUCTION, TO PERMIT DEPARTMENT COORDINATION IN WASHINGTON IN THESE SPECIAL CASES. IN THOSE COUNTRIES WHERE DEFENSE ATTACHES ARE CONFIDENTIAL

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LISTED AS CLEARANCE AGENCY THE COGNIZANT EMBASSY IS APPROVAL AUTHORITY ON FOREIGN PORT VISIT REQUESTS.

5. WE BELIEVE KEY TO SUCCESSFUL NPW PORT VISIT PROGRAM IS EFFECTIVE DIPLOMATIC COORDINATION AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL, (ROUTINE, RECURRING VISITS EXCLUDED). TO IMPROVE CURRENT PROCEDURES, RECENT COORDINATION BY DEPARTMENT WITH NAVY

RESULTED IN THE FOLLOWING CHANGES IN PROCEDURES FOR
ARRANGING NPW DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE: (1) CNO IS DESIGNATED
CLEARANCE ACTIVITY FOR ALL FIRST TIME NPW FOREIGN PORT
VISIT REQUESTS, IN ADDITION TO THE SENSITIVE COUNTRIES,
TO INSURE ADVANCED COORDINATION WITH DEPARTMENT AND
COGNIZANT EMBASSY. (2) THE OPNAV INSTRUCTION WILL BE
REVIEWED SEMI-ANNUALLY IN COORDINATION WITH DEPARTMENT
AND REVISED, AS NECESSARY, IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN
LISTING OF SENSITIVE COUNTRIES IN INSTRUCTION CURRENT
WITH CHANGING HOST COUNTRY POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES. THIS
REVIEW WILL ALSO PROVIDE OPPORTUNITY FOR CHANGES IN
CLEARANCE ACTIVITY, AS APPROPRIATE, WHERE THERE HAS BEEN
SIGNIFICANT LAPSE OF TIME IN NPW VISITS TO SPECIFIC

COUNTRIES.

6. THUS MAJOR CHANGE IS THAT UNDER NEW PROCEDURES
DEPARTMENT WILL COORDINATE FIRST TIME VISITS AND VISITS
TO SENSITIVE COUNTRIES WITH CNO AND CONCERNED POSTS.
HOWEVER, WE CONTINUE TO RELY ON COGNIZANT EMBASSY FOR
NPW FOREIGN PORT VISIT DECISIONS AND COORDINATION OF
DIPLOMATIC APPROACHES TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS TO OBTAIN
CLEARANCES. IN VIEW OF THESE CHANGES, ACTION POSTS
ARE REQUESTED TO REVIEW LOCAL PROCEDURES FOR CLEARING
NPW PORT VISIT REQUESTS. WE WOULD ALSO WELCOME POSTS
REPORTING ON OTHER SPECIFIC NPW VISIT REQUESTS WHICH
COGNIZANT POST HAS FOR ACTION AND BELIEVES MAY BE
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